Dars ul Qur'an–Surah *Al-Saff* (Ch. 61) Ramadhan 2019

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Context of Surah: Unity, Discipline, Obedience

CHAPTER 61

SŪRA AL-SAFF

(Revealed after Hijra)

This *Sūra* takes its title from v. 5 which enjoins Muslims to fight in the cause of Allah in solid ranks (صفا), "as if they were a strong, cemented structure." The *Sūra* was revealed at Medina, probably in the third or fourth year of Hijra, after the Battle of Uḥud, as v. 5 seems to possess an implied reference to the lack of discipline or unquestioning obedience to the Holy Prophet, of which some of the Muslims were guilty in that battle.

The preceding two *Sūrās* had dealt with the subject of war against disbelievers, and with social and political problems arising out of it. The *Sūra* under comment emphasizes the importance of giving unqualified and unquestioning obedience to the Leader, and of presenting, under his guidance, a solid, compact and united front to disbelievers.

The archers appointed by the Holy Prophet s.a. at a mountain pass were required by him to not leave their post, until they were asked by him to leave.

But some of them left (attracted by the pre-mature Muslim victory) so that they could amass the spoils of war. The enemy found the pass unprotected and attacked the Muslims from their back – turning Muslim victory into defeat!

Subject-Matter

The *Sūra* opens with the glorification of God's Wisdom and Might, and proceeds to admonish believers that when they glorify God and extol His Holiness with their tongues, they should also glorify Him with their actions, thus making their actions harmonize with their verbal declarations. So, when they are called upon to fight in the cause of Truth, they should present a firm and solid front to disbelievers, and should give unqualified obedience to their Leader.

The *Sūra* then makes a brief reference to the misbehaviour of the followers of Moses who, by disobeying and defying him, caused him much vexation and mental anguish, and, by implication, warns Muslims never to behave like them. Next, mention is made of the prophecy of Jesus about the advent of the Holy Prophet, followed by a firm declaration that all the attempts of the votaries of darkness to extinguish the Light of Allah would come to nought. The Light will continue to shine in all its glory and effulgence and Islam will prevail over all religions. But before this comes to pass, the followers of Islam shall have to "strive with their wealth and persons in the cause of Allah." Only then will they deserve to be blessed with God's pleasure and material glory—"with Gardens through which streams flow." The *Sūra* closes with exhorting Muslims to help God's cause, as did the disciples of Jesus by undergoing all manner of sacrifice and suffering for it.

Your words to reflect your actions: You must present a Unified Front

1. [a]In the name of Allah the Gracious, the Merciful.

2. [b]Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth glorifies Allah; and He is the Mighty, the Wise.[4222]

3. O ye who believe! why do you say what you do not ?[4223]

4. Most hateful is it in the sight of Allah that you say what you do not.

5. [c]Verily, Allah loves those who fight in His cause arrayed in *solid* ranks, as though they were a *strong* structure cemented with *molten* lead.[4224]

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ①

سَبَّحَ لِلّٰهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ
الْعَزِيْزُ الْحَكِيْمُ ②

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا لِمَ تَقُوْلُوْنَ مَا لَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ ③

كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ اَنْ تَقُوْلُوْا مَا لَا تَفْعَلُوْنَ ④

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِيْنَ يُقَاتِلُوْنَ فِيْ سَبِيْلِهٖ صَفًّا
كَاَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَّرْصُوْصٌ ⑤

Divine Attributes glorified

"Saying" versus *actually* **"Doing"**

- **Unity**
- **Discipline**
- **Organization**

6. And *remember* when Moses said to his people, 'O my people, why do you vex and slander me and you know that I am Allah's Messenger unto you?' So when they deviated *from the right course*, Allah caused their hearts to deviate, for Allah guides not the rebellious people.[4225]

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَٰقَوْمِ لِمَ تُؤْذُونَنِي وَقَد
تَّعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ ۖ فَلَمَّا زَاغُوا أَزَاغَ
اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ ۚ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ۝٥

7. And *remember* when Jesus, son of Mary, said, 'O Children of Israel, surely I am Allah's Messenger unto you, fulfilling that which is before me of the Torah, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger who will come after me; his name being Aḥmad.' And when he came to them with clear proofs,[a] they said, 'This is manifest sorcery.'[4226]

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَٰبَنِي إِسْرَٰٓءِيلَ إِنِّي
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُم مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ
التَّوْرَىٰةِ وَمُبَشِّرًۢا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنۢ بَعْدِي
اسْمُهُۥٓ أَحْمَدُ ۖ فَلَمَّا جَآءَهُم بِالْبَيِّنَٰتِ قَالُوا هَٰذَا
سِحْرٌ مُّبِينٌ ۝٦

John 18:38

37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

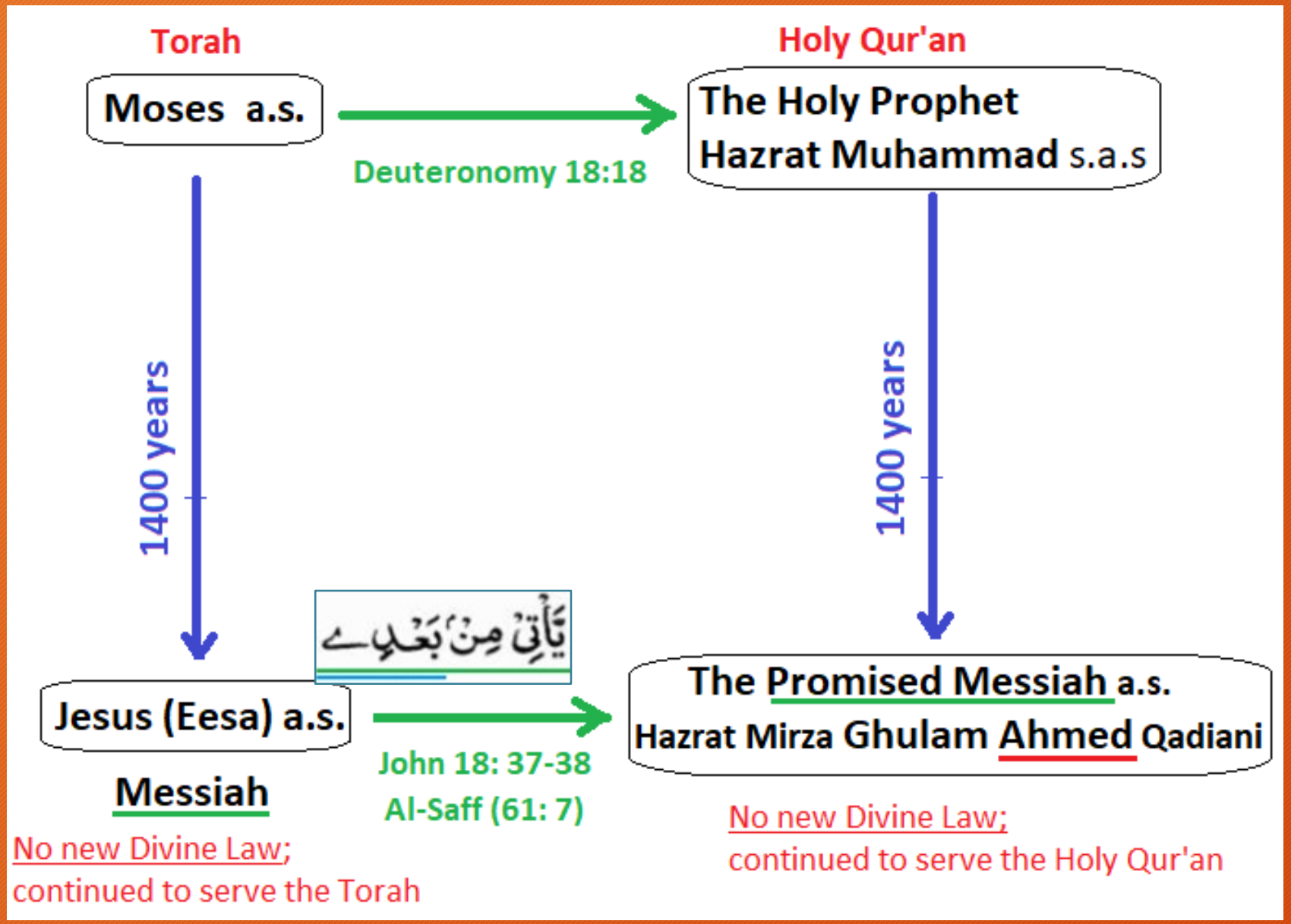
38 **“What is truth?”** retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

Emeth (Hebrew: אמת = Truth)

Jesus said: “My purpose in life is to testify to (i.e. be a witness to) **Ahmed**.”

Pilate said: What is **“Ahmed”** ?

A Symmetric Comparison of Two Great Religeous Systems – Judeo-Christian faith and Islam



"Ba'adi" means:
1- After me
2- Besides me
3- Opposite me
4- Leaving me aside

Who is “called to Islam?”

8. [a]But who does greater wrong than one who forges a lie against Allah while he is called to Islam? Allah guides not the wrong-doing people.[4227]

وَمَنْ اَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرٰى عَلَى اللّٰهِ الْكَذِبَ وَهُوَ يُدْعٰٓى اِلَى الْاِسْلَامِ ۭ وَاللّٰهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظّٰلِمِيْنَ ۝

i.e. Edicts of Disbelief (*kuf’r*) will be issued against him. He will be called “Non-Muslim” and invited by his deniers among Muslims “to become a Muslim”

The Holy Prophet Muhammad s.a.s. was the **Caller** towards Islam; nobody ever “called **him** to Islam”

وَّدَاعِيًا اِلَى اللّٰهِ بِاِذْنِهٖ وَسِرَاجًا مُّنِيْرًا (33:47)

And as a Summoner unto Allah by His command,

9. [a]They desire to extinguish the light of Allah with *the breath of* their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, however much the disbelievers hate *it*.[4228]

يُرِيْدُوْنَ لِيُطْفِـُٔوْا نُوْرَ اللّٰهِ بِاَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللّٰهُ مُتِمُّ
نُوْرِهٖ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكٰفِرُوْنَ ۝٩

10. [b]He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of Truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, even if those who associate partners *with God* hate *it*.[4229]

هُوَ الَّذِيْٓ اَرْسَلَ رَسُوْلَهٗ بِالْهُدٰى وَدِيْنِ الْحَقِّ
لِيُظْهِرَهٗ عَلَى الدِّيْنِ كُلِّهٖ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُوْنَ ۝١٠

11. O ye who believe! shall I point out to you a bargain that will save you from a painful punishment?[4230]

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا هَلْ اَدُلُّكُمْ عَلٰى تِجَارَةٍ تُنْجِيْكُمْ
مِّنْ عَذَابٍ اَلِيْمٍ ۝١١

12. [c]That you believe in Allah and His Messenger, and strive in the cause of Allah with your wealth and your persons. That is better for you, if you did but know.[4231]

تُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَرَسُوْلِهٖ وَتُجَاهِدُوْنَ فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ
بِاَمْوَالِكُمْ وَاَنْفُسِكُمْ ۭ ذٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ
تَعْلَمُوْنَ ۙ ۝١٢

Vocal enemies of Imam Mahdi a,s,

Disbelievers of Imam Mahdi a.s.

"All religions" had not yet appeared at the time of the Holy Prophet s.a.s.

Imam Mahdi will achieve this; facing ***Mushrikeen:*** Hindus, Christians, and (corrupted) Muslims

This is the True "*Jehad*" for the believers

Action-based Real Success and Eternal Victory & Worldly Victory (due to Allah's help)

13. He will forgive you your sins, and make you enter the Gardens through which streams flow, and pure and pleasant dwellings in Gardens of Eternity[a]. That is the supreme triumph.[4232]

يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَيُدْخِلْكُمْ جَنّٰتٍ تَجْرِي
مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْاَنْهٰرُ وَمَسٰكِنَ طَيِّبَةً فِي جَنّٰتِ
عَدْنٍ ۭ ذٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيْمُ ۝

14. And *He will bestow upon you* another *favour* which you love: help from Allah and a near victory. So give glad tidings to the believers.

وَاُخْرٰى تُحِبُّوْنَهَا ۭ نَصْرٌ مِّنَ اللّٰهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيْبٌ ۭ
وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ۝

"**Garden**" = Garden of Faith i.e. (***Eemaan***)

"Streams" = flow of good acts, for God's sake.

When the **"irrigation system"** (streams) is <u>under the management of the</u> "garden", it lasts a very long time/ does not get

Blessings of being an actively helping "Jama'at" and receiving Allah's help

Conclusion of Surah

15. O ye who believe! be helpers of Allah, as said Jesus, son of Mary, to *his* disciples, 'Who are my helpers in *the cause of* Allah?' The disciples said, 'We are helpers of Allah[b].' So a party of the Children of Israel believed, while a party disbelieved. Then We gave power to those who believed against their enemy, and they became victorious.[4233]

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ كُونُوٓاْ أَنصَارَ ٱللَّهِ كَمَا قَالَ
عِيسَى ٱبۡنُ مَرۡيَمَ لِلۡحَوَارِيِّـۧنَ مَنۡ أَنصَارِيٓ إِلَى
ٱللَّهِۖ قَالَ ٱلۡحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحۡنُ أَنصَارُ ٱللَّهِ فَـَٔامَنَت
طَّآئِفَةٞ مِّنۢ بَنِيٓ إِسۡرَٰٓءِيلَ وَكَفَرَت طَّآئِفَةٞۖ
فَأَيَّدۡنَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ عَلَىٰ عَدُوِّهِمۡ فَأَصۡبَحُواْ
ظَٰهِرِينَ ١٤

Of the three religious groups among the Jews to whom Jesus preached his Message—the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Essenes—Jesus belonged to the last, while he had not yet been commissioned as a Divine Preacher. The

Essenes were a highly religious and righteous people who lived away from the world's hustle and bustle, passing their time in meditation and prayer and in the service of humanity. It was from these people that most of Jesus's early followers came They have been called "Helpers" by Eusephus.

Book: ***Jesus, the Essenes, and Christian Origins: New Light on Ancient Texts and Communities***, by Simon J. Joseph

This may also be a reference to the **Essenes'** involvement in the Plan to Save Jesus from Death on the Cross.

Revisiting *Surah Al-Saff* (Ch. 61)

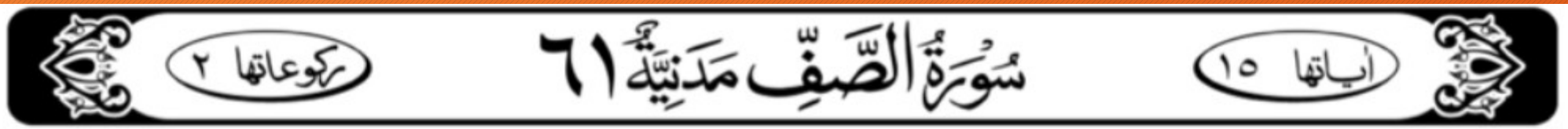
- A slightly different perspective, and
- Greater detail and exposition

Main themes to keep in mind about *Surah Al-Saff* (Ch. 61)

- This Surah addresses, 3 times (v. 3, 11, and 15), "those who believe" (but it is not referring to *Sahaba* of the Holy Prophet s.a.s., because they do not fit the description in that context)
- This Surah does not deal with the need for reformation of *Bani Israel* (Jews and Christians) despite the mention of Moses and Jesus.
- This Surah deals with the need for reformation of the "so-called Muslims" of the Latter Days, whose deviation from the path of true Islam due to:
    - the disunity among their ranks,
    - their indiscipline, and
    - their moral corruptions of many other types

All these have caused these "so-called Muslims" of the Latter Days to be a source of great embarrassment and disrepute to Islam throughout the world.

- This Surah puts forward the Prophecy of *Hazrat Eesa a.s.* about a Messenger named "Ahmad" who will come *after* the time of Jesus.
- This Surah does **not** refer (directly) to the Holy Prophet himself as the Messenger named "Ahmad", but to a different person: the Latter Day Prophet, Ahmad a.s. (who will be subservient to the Holy Prophet s.a.s. and his *Shariah*, just like prophet Jesus was subservient to Prophet Moses and his *Shariah)*.



بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ①

سَبَّحَ لِلّٰهِ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي
الْاَرْضِ ۚ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيْزُ الْحَكِيْمُ ②

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا لِمَ تَقُوْلُوْنَ مَا لَا
تَفْعَلُوْنَ ③

كَبُرَ مَقْتًا عِنْدَ اللّٰهِ اَنْ تَقُوْلُوْا مَا لَا
تَفْعَلُوْنَ ④

1. [a]In the name of Allāh, the Gracious, the Merciful.

2. [b]Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth glorifies Allāh; and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

3. O ye who believe! Why do you say what you do not?3034

4. It is most hateful in the sight of Allāh that you say what you do not.

"***Sab'baha***" appears only 3 times in Qur'an; (59:2); (57:2) and (61:2) => people's moral corruption **Prophethood being taken away**.

"*Sab'baha*" is past tens (i.e. "glorified") a "gap" occurred after Prophethood (up to Latter Days). Period of *Fatrah*.

This cannot be a description of the Holy Prophet's "*sahaaba*". It refers to the so-called Muslims of the Latter Days era.

Refers to the "so-called Muslims" in the Latter Days. Their evil deeds brought this "gap". They're marked for divine punishment.

5. Verily, Allāh loves those who fight in His cause arrayed in *solid* ranks, as though they were a *strong* structure[3035] cemented with *molten* lead.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ
صَفًّا كَأَنَّهُمْ بُنْيَانٌ مَّرْصُوصٌ ۝٤

6. And *call to mind* when Moses said to his people, 'O my people, why do you malign[3036] me and you know that I am Allāh's Messenger unto you?' So when they deviated *from the right course*, Allāh caused their hearts to deviate; for Allāh guides not the rebellious people.

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوْمِهِ يَا قَوْمِ لِمَ
تُؤْذُونَنِي وَقَد تَّعْلَمُونَ أَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
إِلَيْكُمْ ۖ فَلَمَّا زَاغُوا أَزَاغَ اللَّهُ
Reaction ⇦ Action
قُلُوبَهُمْ ۖ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ
الْفَاسِقِينَ ۝٥

Allah would **"not love"** the so-called Muslims (of Latter Days), for their disunity and indiscipline. They would be marked for punishment.

An example from the Jewish people who gave a hard time to Prophet Moses a.s.

An implied warning to the so-called Muslims (Latter Days): Don't do what the Jews did. You should not be "rebellious".

Otherwise, your fate will be sealed like that of the Jews, (for opposing the Divinely Appointed [illegible]er).

To find out "who are *Faa'siqeen*?", see (24:56): Disbelievers in the **established *Khilafat* (from among the so-called Muslims of the Latter Days).**

وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ۝٥٦

7. And *call to mind* when Jesus, son of Mary, said, 'O Children of Israel, surely, I am Allāh's Messenger unto you, fulfilling that which is before me *of the prophecies* of the Torah, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger who will come after me, his name being Ahmad.[3037] And when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, 'This is manifest [a]sorcery.'

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يٰبَنِيٓ
إِسْرَآءِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللهِ إِلَيْكُمْ
مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرٰىةِ
وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَّأْتِي مِنْۢ بَعْدِي اسْمُهٗٓ
اَحْمَدُ ؕ فَلَمَّا جَآءَهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنٰتِ قَالُوْا
هٰذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِيْنٌ ۝٧

The Holy Prophet's personal name was "Muhammad" ('one who is praised the most') – not 'Ahmad' (which means 'one who praises [Allah] the most'). He was attributively 'Ahmad'; but not by personal name (as in this prophecy). So, "Ahmad" refers to a different person: a Latter Day Prophet of Allah (subservient to the Holy Prophet s.a.s.)

An example from the (Jewish and) **Christian people**, who gave a hard time to their non-law-bearing Prophet (Jesus) Hazrat Eesa. a.s.

- An implied warning to the so-called Muslims (of Latter Days): "Don't do what the **Jews** did (rejected the Messiah) or what the **Christians** did (created an innovation and deified him).

- A Prophecy about a Messenger, named Ahmad, who would come in post-Jesus era.

8. [b]But who does greater wrong than he who forges a lie against Allāh while he is invited to Islām?[3038] Allāh guides not the wrongdoing people.

وَمَنْ اَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرٰى عَلَى اللّٰهِ
الْكَذِبَ وَ هُوَ يُدْعٰٓى اِلَى الْاِسْلَامِ ؕ
وَاللّٰهُ لَا يَهْدِى الْقَوْمَ الظّٰلِمِيْنَ ۝٨

"Fabricating a lie against Allah" (*If'tira'*) can have two aspects, i.e.
(1) A Claimant, who is falsely claiming that Allah has sent me as Prophet, or
(2) The deniers among his people, rejecting his claim, falsely alleging that we reject you based on what Allah has commanded (e.g. *Khatm-e Nabuwwat*, or *Laa Nabiyya Ba'adi*)

The Holy Prophet Muhammad s.a.s. was the **Caller** towards Islam; nobody ever "called **him** to Islam"

وَّدَاعِيًا اِلَى اللّٰهِ بِاِذْنِهٖ وَسِرَاجًا مُّنِيْرًا (33:47)

And as a Summoner unto Allah by His command,

The so-called Muslims will reject his claim of Being a Messenger of Allah (as the Jews did to their Messiah).

- They will declare him "Kafir", and tell him to "become a Muslim", like them.
- Prophet Muhammad s.a.s. was the "Caller towards Islam" – he was never called (by anyone) to Islam.
- So, it is a different person – a Latter Day Prophet of God, who will arise among the so-

A subtle but crucial distinction

9. [a]They desire to extinguish the Light of Allāh[3039] with *the breath of* their mouths, but Allāh will perfect His light, however much the disbelievers may dislike *it*.

يُرِيْدُوْنَ لِيُطْفِـُٔوْا نُوْرَ اللّٰهِ بِاَفْوَاهِهِمْ
وَاللّٰهُ مُتِمُّ نُوْرِهٖ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكٰفِرُوْنَ ۝٩

Deniers of the Promised Messiah

(A)

Ch. 61, verse-9 (*Ley-yut'fe'oo*) refers to the Latter Days when the so-called Muslims and all other deniers of the Latter Day Prophet will be "greatly hopeful that due to our strength, we are very close to finally destroying the (claimed) 'Light of Allah'. *Ley-yut'fe'oo* means "about to; almost there! Just about to accomplish it"

32. [b]They seek to extinguish the light of Allāh with their mouths; but Allāh refuses but to perfect His light, though the disbelievers may resent *it*.

يُرِيْدُوْنَ اَنْ يُّطْفِـُٔوْا نُوْرَ اللّٰهِ
بِاَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَاْبَى اللّٰهُ اِلَّآ اَنْ يُّتِمَّ نُوْرَهٗ
وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكٰفِرُوْنَ ۝٣٢

Ch. 9: 32

(B)

Comparing the two very similar verses (A) and (B) tells us that: Prophet Ahmad, mentioned in (A), is a different person – whereas Prophet Muhammad s.a.s. is referred to in verse (B)

Ch. 9, verse-32 (*An-yut'fe'oo*) – a general (unrealistic) desire - refers to the time of the Holy Prophet, whose Companions militarily defeated the enemy and they dared not do boast much that they will destroy Islam

The "True Islam" will be the interpretation of Islam given by Imam Mahdi a.s. (*"Hakaman, Adlan"* in Hadith)

10. [b]He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions,[3040] however much those who associate partners *with Allāh* may dislike *it*.

Of course Allah sends every Messenger "with *"hudaa"*", Guidance. But this word here means: a Messenger who is also Imam MAHDI.

هُوَ الَّذِيٓ اَرۡسَلَ رَسُوۡلَهٗ بِالۡهُدٰى وَدِيۡنِ الۡحَقِّ
لِيُظۡهِرَهٗ عَلَى الدِّيۡنِ كُلِّهٖ ۙ وَلَوۡ كَرِهَ الۡمُشۡرِكُوۡنَ ﴿۱۰﴾

In addition to the so-called Muslims, all kinds of other "*Mushrikeen*" e.g. Hindus/ Christians etc. will strongly oppose him. "All religions" were not even present in the time of the Holy Prophet s.a.s. But they existed in 19th Century Indian sub-continent.

11. O ye who believe! shall I point out to you a commerce[3041] which will deliver you from a painful punishment?

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيۡنَ اٰمَنُوۡا هَلۡ اَدُلُّكُمۡ عَلٰى
تِجَارَةٍ تُنۡجِيۡكُمۡ مِّنۡ عَذَابٍ اَلِيۡمٍ ﴿۱۱﴾

This **cannot** refer to the time of the Holy Prophet and "Sahaaba". ***Azaab-in aleem!!***

So, **it refers to the so-called Muslims of the Latter Days**; and Prophet Ahmed (of Latter Days) is

A "new Jehad" (enlightened, non-combative).

The so-called Muslims of Latter Days will have to re-affirm faith in Allah and seek forgiveness for their "innovations" in religion, and their malpractices.

12. [a]That you believe in Allāh and His Messenger, and strive in the cause of Allāh with your wealth and your persons. That is better for you, if you did but know.

تُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَ رَسُوْلِهٖ وَ تُجَاهِدُوْنَ
فِيْ سَبِيْلِ اللّٰهِ بِاَمْوَالِكُمْ وَاَنْفُسِكُمْ ؕ
ذٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿۱۲﴾

Second: Physical capabilities/ Time spent

First: financially

The excesses you committed against Imam Mahdi and his followers

13. He will forgive you your sins, and admit you to Gardens through which streams flow, and to pure and pleasant dwellings in [b]Gardens of Eternity. That is the supreme triumph,

يَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوْبَكُمْ وَيُدْخِلْكُمْ جَنّٰتٍ
تَجْرِيْ مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْاَنْهٰرُ وَمَسٰكِنَ
طَيِّبَةً فِيْ جَنّٰتِ عَدْنٍ ؕ ذٰلِكَ الْفَوْزُ
الْعَظِيْمُ ﴿۱۳﴾

A **Comparison** of **Two Victories** from God

Ch. 61, verse-14, Surah *Al-Saff*

14. And *He will bestow upon you* another *favour* which you love: help from Allāh and a nigh victory. So give glad tidings to the believers.

وَأُخْرٰى تُحِبُّوْنَهَا ؕ نَصْرٌ مِّنَ اللّٰهِ وَفَتْحٌ
قَرِيْبٌ ؕ وَبَشِّرِ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴿١٤﴾

A victory which Allah has "saved" for the Latter Day Prophet and his Community, under Khilafat

Ch. 48, verse-22, Surah *Al-Fat'h*

22. And *He has promised you* another *victory*[2779] which you have not been able to achieve *yet, but* Allāh has, surely, compassed it. And Allāh has power over all things.

وَّأُخْرٰى لَمْ تَقْدِرُوْا عَلَيْهَا ۟ قَدْ اَحَاطَ
اللّٰهُ بِهَا ؕ وَكَانَ اللّٰهُ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَىْءٍ قَدِيْرًا ﴿٢١﴾

☆ In a different time-frame (era), it has been preserved by Allah for now and will be granted to the Latter Day Prophet and his Muslim community.

This is in reference to the *Sahaba* of the Holy Prophet s.a.s.

A different time-frame means, the Messenger named Ahmad is a different person

15. O ye who believe! be helpers of Allāh, as said Jesus, son of Mary, to *his* [c]disciples, 'Who are my helpers in *the cause of* Allāh?' The disciples said, 'We are helpers of Allāh.' So a party of the Children of Israel believed, while a party disbelieved. Then We aided those who believed against their enemy, and they became predominant.

يٰٓاَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا كُوْنُوْٓا اَنْصَارَ اللّٰهِ كَمَا
قَالَ عِيْسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ لِلْحَوَارِيّٖنَ مَنْ
اَنْصَارِيْٓ اِلَى اللّٰهِ ۭ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّوْنَ
نَحْنُ اَنْصَارُ اللّٰهِ فَاٰمَنَتْ طَّاۗىِٕفَةٌ مِّنْۢ
بَنِيْٓ اِسْرَاۗءِيْلَ وَكَفَرَتْ طَّاۗىِٕفَةٌ ۚ
فَاَيَّدْنَا الَّذِيْنَ اٰمَنُوْا عَلٰي عَدُوِّهِمْ
فَاَصْبَحُوْا ظٰهِرِيْنَ ؀

This means:

O' ye so-called Muslims of the Latter Days!

"Ka'maa" qaala indicates (as a similie) that it will *actually* not be Eesa ibn Maryam; it will be one "similar" to him in his mission towards "those who resemble *Yahood*" (in their enmity towards the Messiah (of the Latter Days)

- ✓ Whenever a Prophet of Allah makes such a Call, it leads to a split into two groups: believers, and dis-believers.
- ✓ Who is actually a believer? This is determined by the clearly observed and manifest help from Allah, leading to dominant success

When did Jesus say to his Disciples:
Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah? (3:53)

53. And when Jesus perceived their disbelief, he said, [c]'Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allāh?' The disciples answered, 'We are the helpers of Allāh. ---------

فَلَمَّآ اَحَسَّ عِيْسٰى مِنْهُمُ الْكُفْرَ قَالَ مَنْ
اَنْصَارِيْٓ اِلَى اللّٰهِ ؕ قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّوْنَ
نَحْنُ اَنْصَارُ اللّٰهِ ۚ اٰمَنَّا بِاللّٰهِ ۚ وَاشْهَدْ بِاَنَّا
مُسْلِمُوْنَ ﴿۵۳﴾

Ch. 3, verse 53

- When Jesus sensed the signs of disbelief (*Kuf'r*) in his people, then he said ...

Similarly it will happen in case of the people opposing the Latter Day Prophet (the Messiah)

Those who believed in Jesus, they were called obedient (*Muslimoon*) here. Others, who disbelieved the Messiah Eesa a.s. were called *Kaafir* by Allah (*wa ka'fa'rat taa'ifatun* ...)

This casts a definitive light (in the sight of Allah, and in the idiom of the Holy Qur'an) on the (Muslim-or-Non-Muslim) 'status' of the Deniers of the Promised Messiah and Imam Mahdi a.s. In the end we only say: May Allah forgive us all and make us true Muslims: fully accepting all the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Prophet Muhammad s.a.s. Ameen!